

Update on Proposal to Amend Part 15.255 of the FCC Rules

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Status Update

- Commission adopted a NPRM on July 13th, 2021, that included proposals for expanding the permissible uses for short-range radars in the 57 to 64 GHz band under Part 15.255 of the FCC rules.
- Comment period closed on October 18th, 2021.
- Numerous ex parte filings received since comment period closed.
- Pulsed radar proponents, and supporters of emerging immersive communications technologies (e.g., virtual reality) have not been able to reach consensus agreement on coexistence protocols.
- OET staff still reviewing the record, including the many ex parte filings, while encouraging the two camps to find a mutually acceptable resolution.

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Additional Part 15.255 Note

- It has come to our attention that there is an error in first sentence of §15.35(c) as it pertains to §15.255.
 - We plan on fixing this in a R&O when we update the rules in the pending rulemaking
- The use of §15.255(b) as an example of a specific rule requirement that is exempt from the §15.35(c) requirement is incorrect.
- The 15.35(c) exemption instead applies to §15.255(c)(4) that specifically states that the "...average emission levels shall be measured over the actual time period during which transmission occurs."

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